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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Goldman et al.) Examiner:
Serial No. : 09/282,239) Art Unit:
Filed : March 31, 1999) 1652

For : A METHOD FOR ISOLATING AND)
PURIFYING OLIGODENDROCYTES AND)
OLIGODENDROCYTE PROGENITOR CELLS)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the July 18, 2000, written restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect the invention of Group III (claims 17-20), with traverse. Applicants submit that all groups of invention identified in the written restriction requirement are closely related and, therefore, would require common areas of search and consideration. As a result, no benefit is derived from maintaining a restriction requirement, and withdrawal of that restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 15,2000

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith in the above-identified application are:

[X] Request for One-Month Extension of Time;

[X] Response to Restriction Requirement;

[X] A check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the extension of time filing fee;

[X] Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 (1 page) (in duplicate) with 3 references; and

[X] A self-addressed, prepaid postcard for acknowledging receipt.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-1138.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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